

Bank Cashier Slain; Bandits Get \$29,000

Five Robbers. After Looting Pittsburgh Institution, Battle With Police, but Escape After Fleeing Auto Plunder Left in Machine

Girl Clerk's Ruse Gives Alarm; Seven Are Held as Suspects by Authorities

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 27.—Five unmasked and heavily armed bandits entered the First National Bank at Cragton, a suburb, this morning, fatally shot Harold T. Moss, assistant cashier, stole Liberty bonds worth \$20,000 and \$9,000 in cash and a registry list of the bonds and fled in an automobile. They were overtaken on the Point Bridge by detectives in another automobile and the detectives and bandits engaged in a revolver battle while the machines were traveling at racehorse speed through North Side streets.

As the Pennsylvania avenue the thugs abandoned their machine and scattered in various directions with the detectives in hot pursuit. One of the robbers is reported to have been wounded in the battle.

Two bags containing money and many bonds taken from the bank were found on the rear seat of the automobile. A check-up showed that the bags contained \$29,000 in cash and securities.

"Work fast and shoot to kill if they do not obey your orders."

These words from a medium-sized, man-faced man about fifty years old, spoken in a tone that was not to be mistaken, greeted the employees of the bank within earshot as the bandits entered the bank and after it opened. Employees looked up from their desks to see the automatic revolvers of five men near the doorway covering them.

Shot as He Seizes Gun

Two of the men, their guns still leveled, ran noiselessly toward the rear of the bank. One of the bandits, directed by the leader, moved toward the cage and entered.

Assistant Cashier Moss, slow in carrying out the orders of the bandit who was lining up the employees, reached suddenly for a revolver and leveled it at one of the bandits. There was a shot and before Moss had a chance to pull the trigger he fell to the floor, shot through the head. He died at 11:20 a.m.

To Miss Margaret Grier, nineteen years old, a clerk in the bank, the credit for giving an immediate alarm to the police.

Miss Grier was confronted by one of the bandits, who pointed a revolver at her and commanded her to "line up" against the wall with the others. Instead of complying with the order immediately, Miss Grier pretended to swoon and staggered toward the wall. She swung out her arms as though to steady herself, and in so doing was able to press a burglar alarm button unobserved by the bandits. The alarm sounded at the Cragton police station and was immediately spread broadcast.

That a cool-headed, well trained band of criminals, with a capable leader, following a carefully arranged plan, committed the robbery is the opinion of detectives and county authorities tonight. Every move made by the desperadoes from the time they entered the bank until they eluded the pursuing automobile load of detectives was carried out with precision and without haste.

Though seven persons are under arrest in connection with the hold-up, city detectives admitted tonight none had been identified as members of the robber band, but were being held with the hope that they might throw some light on the identity of the bandits.

Clerk Robbed of \$180,000

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 27.—The Girault Motor Company, of this city, was robbed of \$180,000 in bonds and commercial paper early today by two men who held up the night clerk, according to a report to the police.

Grady Bishop, night clerk, told the police that he was confronted about 2:30 a.m. by two masked men at the point of their revolvers and forced to open the office cash register. Locking him in a closet, Bishop said, the robbers then forced the safe and tried open the inner doors. Officials of the company said that, while none of the stocks and bonds were negotiable, some were not listed and might not easily be replaced.

The police were of the opinion that the robbery was carried out by one thoroughly familiar with the situation of the company's office, with the arrangement of the building.

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Farmer Can Tell Now if Chick Will Be Rooster or Hen

Expert at the Poultry Show Announces the Discovery of Method to Determine Sex at Time of Hatching

Dr. Leslie C. Dunn, of the Storrs Experimental Station of the Connecticut Agricultural College, announced yesterday at the Poultry Show in Madison Square Garden that means had been discovered to determine the sex of chicks immediately upon hatching. The discovery comes as a result of intensive inheritance tests conducted at the experimental station. Previously it has been impossible to determine sex until the chick was at least six weeks old. The college will distribute chicks of known sex to certain farmers on March 1 next.

Dr. Dunn said that the discovery was of great economic importance to the chicken raiser, who could now be certain he was purchasing pullets if he desired to produce eggs, or cockerels if he was raising chickens for food. In addition, knowledge of the sex would permit proper feeding for either of these purposes.

The attendance during the first two days of the show has broken all records, it was announced yesterday, and for the first time during the thirty-

three years of its existence the show will remain open through Sunday evening.

The Jersey Black Giant cock of the Walton Lake Farms, Monroe, N. Y., was sold at the show yesterday for \$800, the record price brought for a single bird. Delivery is to be made at the end of the breeding season, on May 1. This bird won seven first prizes last year and received a second in the show yesterday, having been surpassed by a bird from the same farm.

All of the eggs laid by the hens in the show will be donated to three New York hospitals to-day. More than a thousand have been laid, and they will be delivered to Roosevelt, Broad Street and the Sloane hospitals.

The exhibits sent from England by Lord Dewar have won thirty-six first prizes, nine seconds and nine third prizes. Lord Dewar yesterday sent the following cablegram to Walter Brading, his manager: "Sincere congratulations. I told you you would get every opportunity to make good from the generous, big-hearted, fair-dealing American sportsmen."

\$4,500 Pay Roll Gone in Borden Office Hold-Up

Day-Time Bandits Operate as Milk Drivers Are Lined Up to Receive Envelopes Containing Their Wages

Two Typists Terrorized

Inquiry Ordered in Reported Attempt to Steal Funds of Theater Owners

Two men held up the paymaster of the Borden's Farm Products Company's plant, 342 East 133d Street, yesterday afternoon, just as he was about to settle with employees. The bandits took the payroll, amounting to \$4,500, and escaped in a taxicab. One of them, it was declared, formerly worked at the plant.

The paymaster's window is up one flight of stairs. In the office were John Evans, paymaster; William Fowler, a clerk, and Caroline Brown and Evelyn Dorf, stenographers. Evans had just finished putting the money into eighty-five pay envelopes.

Four Drivers Waiting

Four drivers were in line waiting for their money when the robbers appeared. The one regarded as a one-time employee approached the window and asked:

"Have you got a job for me?"

"Nothing doing now," said Evans, and reached for an envelope to hand to one of the drivers. When he looked up he found himself staring into the muzzle of a revolver.

Simultaneously the other bandit drew a revolver and discouraged any contemplated action on the part of the four drivers. The two stenographers screamed and ran behind a screen. Evidently aware that the girls could leave only by stairs at their back, the pair paid no attention to them.

Evans was ordered to hand over the cash and "make it snappy," which he did. The robbers then backed down stairs and disappeared.

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Explanation of Charge

"In this state there is no such thing as an accessory either before, during or after the commission of a crime," said Robert P. Bell, Mr. Wallace's assistant, explaining the nature of the charge against Gussie. "Such a person, according to our law, is a principal, and as such Gussie Humann was formally indicted and subsequently acquitted."

"But the statutes of this state define an accessory as a person who, after the commission of a felony, harbors, conceals or aids the offender with intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial or conviction or punishment, having knowledge or reasonable grounds to believe that such offender is liable to arrest, has been arrested, is indicted or convicted or has committed a felony. The punishment for conviction as an accessory may be either five years in state's prison or \$500 fine."

Under this provision, being an accessory is committing a crime entirely separate and distinct from the principal crime. The charge against Gussie Humann now is that after the commission of the crime of shooting Garbe, of which Libasci is accused, Gussie Humann assisted Libasci by disposing of the revolver which he had.

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Gussie Humann Held as Libasci Jury Disagrees

Vote Said to Have Been 11 to 1 for Conviction of Youth on Trial for Murder in Garbe Slaying

Girl Is Called Accessory

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called home, she gave the revolver to Ricca and he disposed of it by dropping it in an ash barrel on Willowoughby Street, Brooklyn."

Personal Plea for Son Refused Mrs. Bergdoll

Mother Told in Washington She Must Submit Call for Clemency in Writing

From The Tribune's European Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of Grover and Erwin Bergdoll, draft evaders, was refused permission to make a personal appeal for a reduction in the five-year sentence now being served by Erwin. Mrs. Bergdoll came to Washington from her home in Philadelphia to make the request.

"Mr. Bergdoll first sought an interview with Secretary of War Weeks, but because he was at the Cabinet meeting he saw Colonel Julius Penn, in charge of the prison section of the Judge Advocate General's office. Colonel Penn explained that all appeals for clemency must be submitted in writing, and suggested that her case be conveyed in this form to the Secretary of War. He added that Erwin's case recently had been reviewed and clemency had been refused. The prison section of the War Department automatically reviews cases of inmates of military prisons once every six months, and Mrs. Bergdoll was informed that no action could be expected on the case of her son before next July."

Evidently chagrined by her failure to get action on Erwin's case by the War Department, Mrs. Bergdoll threatened to institute habeas corpus proceedings to procure his release. It was indicated at the department that such a move will be fought vigorously by army lawyers.

Catholic Council Warns of Birth Control Propaganda

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Propaganda in favor of birth control was denounced as an "effront to all genuine Christians" and a warning was sounded against "the growth of bureaucracy in the United States" in resolutions adopted to-day by the National Catholic Welfare Council, which concluded a two-day session here. The meeting was presided over by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco.

A cablegram expressing the sympathy of the hierarchy of the United States on the death of Pope Benedict was sent to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State.



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